

- Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, Dedication Services -



DR. O. K. STORAASLI

Dr. O. K. Storaasli is serving at the present as pastor of Zion Lutheran and is also teaching at Luther Seminary. Doctor Storaasli has carried a heavy load and has accomplished an admirable service. The building of the new church has occupied much of his time. For those of us who have seen this beautiful church realize in a measure the gigantic task in supervising the building of this beautiful and churchly edifice. This church holds a strategic place, and the Lord led to the selection of the strategic location at the foot of Broadway bridge.

The Shadow of the Cross

It was a day of extreme heat, far different from that being experienced as this is written. The large throng gathered to attend the laying of the cornerstone of Zion, stood, sweltering in the summer heat, July 6, 1947. The heat was intense, but after a time I noted that just a step away there was cool shade from the blistering sun. After stepping on to the new spot, what a relief! My near despairing body was at ease again.

What could cause such a change in such a brief time? I had to find out. Behold, it was naught else but the cross at the top of the church!

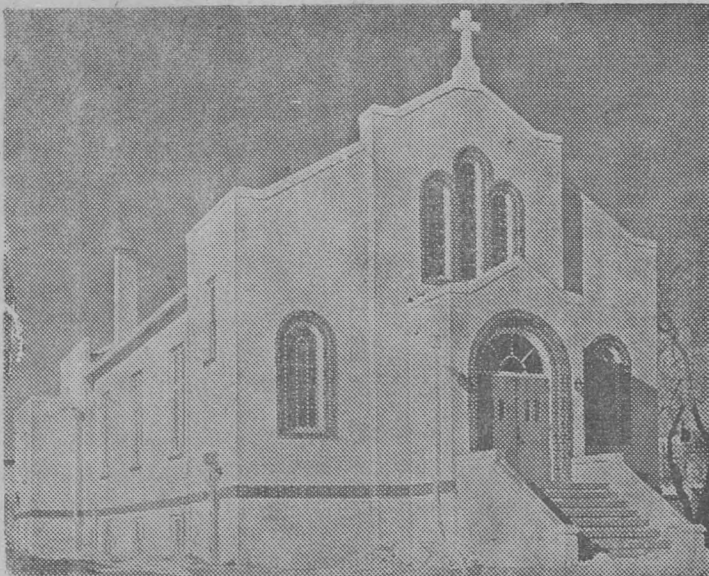
I thought: How strikingly true of the Cross of our Savior. It makes a pleasant abiding place for the soul. In its shadow the sinner, despairing as he feels the breath of hell falling upon him, finds relief! Where is this cross? Not in far-off Holy Land. It is near. It is but a step from the blistering heat of the guilt of sin. It is one step only from despair and into blissful peace in the shadow of the Cross of Him who died that I might live. That step? Trusting acceptance of God's grace in Christ to cover all my sin. It was no merit of mine that yon cross stood there to bring physical relief. Neither is it any merit of mine that Jesus offers grace through His Cross. To Him be all the glory for my salvation. "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

—E. B. R. Haave.

Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.—Thomas Carlyle.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

The situation on China Mission field is still critical, according to our last reports. It seems, however, that Missionary Palmer Anderson is not in the hands of the bandits as first reported. We need to remember our brethren in these trying corners of the Lord's Vineyard in our prayers.



Zion Lutheran Dedication Service

The great, glad day for which we at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church have been looking, praying and working, has come at last! With grateful hearts we enter into these courts with praise and thanksgiving. "We have desired of the Lord to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple." Ps. 27:4.

February 15th to the 22nd marked this great event in Zion's history.

From our dedication booklet we also draw these words:

"We give God thanks for the gift of His Church in our midst. As we dedicate our new house of worship, may we also consecrate our hearts and our lives to a fuller service and a more devoted faithfulness to our Savior and Master, Jesus Christ 'Who loved us and gave himself for us.' 'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory.' Psalm 115:1."

A very fitting 'pre-opening' was the communion service on Wednesday evening of the opening of Lent. First, our lives are to be dedicated to Him.

Dedication Sunday was opened with a children's service. The children are not to be forgotten. Many of them love to be about their Father's business as Jesus did. Pastor Storaasli used as his text: Luke 2:42-52. He told the children how important their lives were. They are the ones who are to make this church continue to be a blessing. This was very meaningful to each child as he realized this blessing was for him.

The morning worship stretched far beyond the walls of the church as it was broadcast over CFQC. About 400 people filled the church to capacity, thus expressing their thankfulness by their presence.

Former Pastor B. O. Lokensgard, now of Iowa, brought out from his text in Matthew 16:21-23 that we are to think of the things that be of God and turn ourselves to Him. Let us have the mind of Christ within us.

All felt it was good to have Pastor Lokensgard with us and he, too, rejoiced to see the growing of God's Kingdom.

The dedication service itself will be remembered by all. It was a time of putting the church edifice into the hands of God for His use.

Scripture selections were read by Pastors F. M. Assheim, L. E. McFarlane, J. T. Dahle, O. T. Storaasle, Dr. Lavik, A. Goos and M. S. Johnson. Between each reading was sung a hymn stanza.

Rev. Mars A. Dale brought out forcefully and meaningfully that we were building for God. The phrase that ran through his message was, "Let us rise up and build," taken

from Nehemiah 2:18. We are to go forward—to rise up to the need and seek ever to build for God.

Greetings were given by: Rev. G. T. Monson, president Saskatoon Ministerial Association; Rev. Dr. N. Willison, dean Lutheran College and Seminary; Rev. B. O. Lokensgard, Marshalltown, Ia., former pastor of Zion; Rev. Mars A. Dale, on behalf of Home Missions, E.L.C.; Dr. J. R. Lavik, on behalf of Luther Seminary.

The choir sang, "Build on the Rock," and the Luther Seminary male chorus sang, "Bless This House."

During the evening service Pastor G. J. Ostrem gave a greeting representing the Board of Home Missions.

Dr. Lavik brought us back to the opening of Zion congregation, 29 years ago. The small chapel which was erected as a temporary building has remained until now. Dr. Lavik also glanced forward into the future.

Monday and Tuesday evenings were devoted to missions. Rev. Vinge showed us the vital importance of our home missions. We are to branch out with the message of Jesus Christ. us a broader vision with the theme, Rev. Dahle, on Tuesday evening, gave "Global Missions."

Wednesday, February 18th was the 29th anniversary of Zion Congregation. It was also the 30th anniversary of the Ladies' Aid and there were three charter members of the Ladies' Aid present. Mrs. Dale directed our thoughts back over the history of the Ladies' Aid and congregation, and reminded us of God's rich blessings in Christ. Pastor Lokensgard also brought an inspiring message emphasizing how God fits man's needs and how God works through the Means of Grace, the Word and Sacraments, to convert the sinner and strengthen the Christian life. A farewell gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ellefson who have been active in the work of the congregation, and who were leaving for Vancouver.

Thursday evening the Christian Education aspect was brought out by the seminary students. Mr. Arnold Hagen spoke on "Christian Education in the Home." It is the obligation of the parents to give their children the right spiritual aspect of life, too. Remember, the family devotion may save a child for God. Mr. Donald Hanson spoke on "Christian Education in the School." Youth is a time of great possibility. Let him turn his future ideas into the Christian way of life by attending our church schools.

Friday night brought the challenge to the parents and teachers how precious the children are. The moulding of the child's character begins at

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PASTOR M. S. JOHNSON

Pastor M. S. Johnson is the pastor-elect of Zion Lutheran. He will assume charge of the work about April 1st.

Greeting to Zion

February 15, 1948.

We greet you, Zion on this festal day;
Your joy is also ours for we are friends;
A common faith unites us on the way
That you have travelled to these happy ends.

A common faith! how precious is the trust
That lives beyond while using time and sense,
Assuring us through Jesus we are just,
And may relax though all the world is tense.

Relax to praise our God who does things well,
Who links the highest heaven to the earth,
Who takes wood, stone and metal, makes them tell

The truth relating to our second birth.

As you have sought this end for Christ alone,
May greater harvests come to you as gain;
May this great enterprise that you have shown

Extend abundantly the Lord's domain.

The Lord's domain! His blood atonement built
The church that in this place is manifest;
A grateful faith that says: "Lord, as Thou wilt,"
Should strive to serve with ever greater zest.

Upon the holy mount in ecstasy,
Apostles sought retirement with their Lord;
They had to learn that Lord would have them be

The bearers of a badly-needed word.

Church art we need; its beauty does inspire;
The house of God should gratify the eye;
It is a symbol, narthex, nave and choir,
Of how, to life, the gospel truths apply.

To pagan thought a god is not revealed;
The temple is a place of mystic gloom;
External are the ornaments and sealed
All access to the god's own private room.

The Christian gospel promises a place
Of fellowship where God in glory dwells;
For worship Christian churches offer space
That in its own still way of glory tells.

The kingdom of our God is fair within;
The Holy Spirit there adorns the soul
In garments of the victor over sin,
Whose crown of life is offered as our goal.

With Christ prevail! Join hands in brotherhood
With other Christians on the gospel course;
The world has need of that fraternal mood
That places love above appeal to force.

May all who pass along this beaten road,
Across the bridge or from the city mart,
Reflect that here, to faith, sin's grievous load,
Into the tomb of Christ, rolls off the heart.

A final word! Congratulations teem;
We offer ours. May efforts you have made
To rear this fane endear the gospel theme,
And give you zeal to serve as you have prayed.

—N. Willison.

There are four things that come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life and the neglected opportunity.—Arabian Proverb.

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THE WADENA NEWS
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We are giving considerable space in this issue to report the festivities connected with the dedication of Zion Lutheran in Saskatoon. It is an outstanding event in the history of Zion and was suitably commemorated by a week of services. We take this opportunity of congratulating the Pastor and congregation at this time. The Lord has placed Zion in a strategic position and the possibilities of great blessings are many.

Zion Lutheran has published a booklet setting forth the history, and progress of the congregation. The program of the week of festivities is also recorded. It is a fine booklet. Perhaps there are still copies available for fifty cents each.

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During this Lenten season we remember in a special way the cost of our redemption. Through the family altar and through services in our churches we meditate on the scriptures that set forth the Way of Suffering. It is good to know that the price has been paid, and that "It is finished." We rejoice, too, to know that "He is Risen," and because He lives, we, too, shall live.

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The coin-a-meal box also speaks to us this Lenten season. It speaks of gifts to the extension of the Kingdom of God. The message of the Gospel has been a blessing to us, and by means of our giving we can bring that same blessing to those who have never heard. The bank on the table speaks of God's goodness to us and of our responsibility to others.

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Under the program of Evangelism for 1948 the emphasis is on the family altar. Already blessings are evident in that interest is awakened for reading of the Word in the homes. The article in the last Shepherd, written by the district director, sets forth this fine program. Every home that is opened for the family altar is a mighty factor in bringing the Word into the hearts. Let us pray and work that this may be realized in ever widening circles.

Consecration Week at S.L.B.I.

Consecration week at S.L.B.I. has again been rich in blessing for us all. Our main speaker, Mr. Paul J. Lindell, general director of the World Mission Prayer League, made Mark 3:14-15 the general basis of his messages: "And he appointed twelve that they might be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach, and to have authority to cast out demons." In the evening services, afternoon mission classes and morning chapel periods, he emphasized the three-fold call of this message to us—call to lives of communion, commission and conquest.

We are happy, too, to have Dean O. Gornitz of L.B.I., Minneapolis, Minn., with us for a short visit. In his messages he left us with the challenge to give to the Lord the best that we have.

It has been a week of heart-searching, confession, decision, and consecration. Praise be to God!

Scattering For Gain

By ALBERT M. VINGE.

This 1948 Lenten Pamphlet for Coin-a-Meal is printed at the request of the General Stewardship Office of our Church.

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Proverbs 11:24.

Scattering yet increasing — is not that an impossibility? Is it possible to give away and still have more than before it was given away? In sacred words of infinite depth similar words read: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

In the shadow of Calvary the Lord Jesus spoke these words. That is God's plan for our redemption. God so loved that He gave His Son.

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness."

There was a cross on the lonely hill, and a grave in the garden. Then followed a glorious resurrection. Now the resurrected Savior enters into every heart where there is access. This is the message of Lent and Easter.

To the individual comes the call again this Lenten Season to bring to the cross of Calvary, first of all, himself. We may come to the cross with our sin and shame, despair and despondency, doubt and defeat, and receive forgiveness and mercy. Here we are cleansed, and here we are to die — die to self; die that we may bear fruit. Then there is a resurrection that we may walk in the newness of life. God wants His Word to have free course in us — to give through us. Strikingly parallel are the words: "Lose life gain it," "weak — yet strong," "poor — yet possessing all things," "there is that scattereth — yet increaseth."

The apple tree thrives when it is stripped of its ripened fruit; the sweet pea flourishes as flowers are taken to give fragrance elsewhere; the humblest seed increases as it dies and rises again. There is a scattering that causes increase. All spheres, temporal and spiritual, attest to the prodigal, generous, scattering hand of God.

"Penny-a-meal," or better still, "Coin-a-Meal." What a wonderful method to make possible an over-the-top gift to the cause of the Kingdom of God through the Church! Scattering even one cent per person per meal during the forty-seven days of Lent brings in over three-quarters of a million dollars if each member of our church takes part. Should we think of only one cent per person? Should not this extra thanksgiving gift be larger this year? "There is that scattereth, yet increaseth."

What is the gain? Let us look at it together.

I. THE CHURCH IN GENERAL

Those with opened eyes see today the great urgency of spreading the Gospel throughout the world. The present budget carries on the work already begun with a small margin for new work. Whitened fields, untouched by the Gospel, beckon. These gifts, out of love for the cause of Christ, make it possible to enter the opened doors of Gospel opportunity of today; tragic unconcern may let them swing shut. Who can measure the blessing that has come through the gifts by the "Coin-a-Meal" method? Scattering? Yes, dollars, half-dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies — all bring gain to those to whom the Word comes.

II. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

The congregation that has prayerfully, systematically and earnestly tried this method of giving has found it blessedly stimulating. The budget apportionment is a bare minimum. Let this be an "extra" thanksgiving gift for Christian Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Charities, Pensions.

Many congregations make it an

outstanding event when the boxes are given out, and also make it especially festive and worshipful when the gifts come in and are placed on the altar. The congregation becomes more conscious of the needs of Christ's program. It is a "scattering for gain" as it stimulates interest and brings the light of the Gospel at home and abroad.

III. THE HOME

The congregation had found joy in using this method for the first time. The following year the boxes were to be given out again. In the meantime a little boy in one family had gone home to be with the Lord. The parents asked for the box with the little finger marks on it. This little boy had insisted on holding the box after each one had put a gift in it and while the family sang a hymn verse. Through this method of giving he, too, had a definite part. Yes, in the home, too, this method is a "scattering for gain" for every member in the home, lifting the vision to the program of the Kingdom and spreading blessing even to the uttermost parts. No one is too poor to give. For even in a material way it is a "scattering for gain." Give as the Lord hath prospered. Let us learn the deep meaning of

"We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er that gift might be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

HOW TO USE THIS METHOD

1. Pray much for this ingathering. Pray that during this Lenten Season those that do not know Christ may find Him, and those who know Him may be deepened in their Christian life.
2. Place a box in each home with these instructions:
Place your box on the table at every meal. If you give the gifts for the day, which should be a coin a meal per person, at the close of the evening meal, offer a prayer of thanksgiving and let each member of the family place his gift in the box. A hymn may be sung. This is to be done for 47 days.
3. Keep a record of the boxes placed in the homes.
4. Set the day for the ingathering of the boxes. Make every effort to have every box brought in.
5. Remind each one that every gift will help send the light into the world Christ came to save.

NEWS ITEMS---ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Camrose Week will be held, God willing, June 27 — July 4. The speakers will be Pastor J. O. Gisselquist, Pastor T. W. Maakestad and Pastor K. C. Grundahl. Intercessory prayer is requested for this week of meetings.

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The Board of Charities of our District meets in Bawlf, Alberta March 9th. The meeting begins at noon.

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Parkside Parish News

Mr. S. Fengstad who serves this parish has been ill since early in January. He has now recovered so that he has resumed his work again.

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Mr. Olaf Hotvedt, 83, a member of the Shell Lake congregation, died in Prince Albert on February 8. Evangelist S. Fengstad conducted the funeral service at Shell Lake Church on February 12.

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The same day there was a funeral of a six-month old baby of the McKay family. They are Catholics, but owing to the snow-bound conditions they could not get a priest. They asked Evangelist Fengstad to officiate. This he did and afterwards the bereaved and several of their friends remarked, "This was fine. We understood it all. In our church we understand nothing at a funeral."

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After the service in Parkside Sunday, February 22, a social get-together

er was held in the church parlors. At this gathering recognition was given to Mrs. Roberts who had been "A ministering angel for anybody in sickness and need" in the village and district. She was given a tri-light floor lamp and a purse from the gathered friends.

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A family of four was admitted into the Parkside congregation at the last annual meeting.

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The Glendon congregation decided at the annual meeting to dispose of the parsonage and apply the money realized to a parsonage in Lloydminster. The pastor will then be conveniently located in the centre of the parish consisting of Lea Park, Zion and Battle River congregations.

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Pastor Sterling Johnson of Raymond, Washington, who is taking over Ryley parish this coming summer spent some time in the district. He and Pastor Morstad of Calgary visited C.L.B.I. and Pastor Johnson spoke at chapel on Saturday, February 28.

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Wetaskiwin Parish

A clothing collection for the needy in Europe was taken up by the Bethel, Vang, and Asker congregations, and sent forward to the Canadian Lutheran World Relief. A good response was shown in this cause of an urgent need at this time.

Quite a few from Wetaskiwin attended services during Fellowship Week at C.L.B.I., and received blessings therefrom.

Pastor O. K. Stensland presented the cause of the Mission to the Jews during Sunday services, February 8.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Carl A. Haltug

Maxim, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Carl Haltug died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Torgunrud, Midale, Sask., January 22, 1948. She reached the age of 61 years. She was a faithful worker, and always ready to give help where needed.

Gina Henrietta Haltug, (nee Martinson) was born near Moose Lake, Minn., December 1, 1886. She was married to Peter Erickson in 1903. To this union were born three children. The family came to Canada in 1909. Mr. Erickson died in 1910. She was united in marriage the second time to Carl A. Haltug, in 1917 by Pastor Stadem of Estevan, Sask. She had been living at Maxim until late in 1947. She came to her daughter's place in December and remained there until her death. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran congregation since 1917. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband Carl A. Haltug, Midale, Mrs. Edwin Torgunrud, Midale, and Mr. George Erickson, Torquay and twelve grandchildren.

Mrs. Haltug was laid to rest at Midale cemetery January 24, Pastor S. Bue officiating.

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Mrs. Gertrude Berge

Mrs. Gertrude Berge passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. K. Bakken of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, during the morning of February 14; the funeral service was held February 18, with burial in the Wetaskiwin cemetery.

Mrs. Berge was born in Vang, Valdres, Norway, January 29, 1854; and was baptized and confirmed in the Vang church. In Norway she was married to Andre Svien, at Vang; and of the children born to the parents, Mrs. N. K. Bakken alone now lives.

Her husband died in Norway; and she came to Canada in 1903. Here she was married to Osten Berge; and they made their home in the Wetaskiwin district. Her husband predeceased her in 1941; and during the last seven years of her life she has had her home with her daughter, Mrs. N. K. Bakken of Wetaskiwin. She leaves to mourn her departure many relatives and friends.

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Wadena, Sask., Første No. i March, 1948.

Mat For Din Sjel

Midfaste søndag — Johs. 6:24-36

De ble tilbudt mat baade for legeme og sjel, men de tok imot bare den legemlige. Hvor likt det er i dag! En underfull samtale hadde Jesus med sitt folk i synagogen i Kaper-naum. Utgangspunktet, ver bespisningsunderet. Den røde traad som slynger seg gjennom hele Jesu tale er dette hans vitnesbyrd: "Jeg er livsens brød . . ." Det brød som er kommet ned fra himmelen for aa gi verd-en liv. Ed dette brød mat for **din** sjel?

Jesus gaar ikke inn pa folkets nysgjerrige spørsmål til ham: Rabbi! Naar er du kommet hit? Dette at han gikk paa sjøen ville ennaa mere ha bortledt deres oppmerksomhet fra det indre, det aandelige som Herren just ville aapne deres øyne for. Han begyner med rent ut og likefram aa avsløre beveggrunnene til folkeska-rens komme. Det var slett ikke av aandelige grunner, fordi de hadde forstaatt underet. Det var rent verdslige grunner. Matstrevet drev dem igjem til ham. Slik preker Jesus for folket. Han tar ikke til med: "Mine andek-tige tilhørere!" Nei, han tar straks virkeligheten fram slik som den er. Og ut fra denne sannhetsgrunn taler han til dem som ikke for-gaar. Det var den han var kommet for aa gi dem, den mat som varer til evig liv. Den brakte han dem ikke i sitt eget navn, men med Faderens segl og fullmakt. Og som et slikt segl skulle de forstaa det under som han nylig hadde gjort ved aa mette tusen-er.

Folkets svar viser en forstaaelse. De spør hva de skal gjøre for aa gjøre Guds gjerninger. De spør ikke om hvilket sinn de trenger for aa kunne gjøre dem. Vi møter stadig dette hos dag — dette, de spør hva de skal gjøre. Den lovkyndige og den rike unge mann stilte det samme spør-maal til Jesus. De trodde det var gjerningen det kom an paa. Det var den fariseiske tankegang som hadde gjennomtrengt folket. Gjerningsretferdigheten — saa ganske forskjellig fra den profetiske tankegang, som pekte saa langt dypere paa **omven-delsens lydighet** i sinnet. Vi møter den samme tankegang i dag og f.eks. hos frimurerne, (the masons) saa-kalt kristelig vitenskap og andre kul-ter og ismer.

Jesus svar viser straks helt bort fra de mange enkelte gjerninger til det ene fornødne: til troen paa ham som er sendt fra Gud. Denne tro kaller Jesus Guds gjerning. Og det i dobbelt forstand. Ikke bare som den gjerning Gud kan ha behag i, men som den gjerning han selv vil virke i menneskehjertet. Derfor vitner Johannes i I Johs. 3:23 som det første bud fra Gud i den nye pakt "at vi skal tro paa hans Sønnens Jesu Kristi navn," og dernest som det annet bud "elske hverandre."

Folkets svar er netop ikke ydmyk. Naar du stiller slike store krav til oss om et slikt høyt arbeid og en slik aandelig gjerning — hva gjør du da selv? Hva arbeid gjør du? Det tegn de netop hadde sett i villmarken, og som de bare for kort tid siden var blitt saa betatt av, er naa for deres utakknemlige sinn bare blitt et ringe tegn. Det gaar saa lett for det kjøde-lige sinn aa la fordringene stige. Det hører vi jo framdeles: Denne Jesus som du sier er saa god og allmektig; hvorfor gjør han ikke slutt paa onds-kapen? Hvorfor er det saa mye sult og nød i verden i dag, dersom Gud er god og kan gjøre alle ting? De glemmer bare en ting: at roten til verdens nød ligger i det enkelte menneske. At sjelens hunger og den falske selvføde som falbydes til massene i form av

Financial Report of the Shepherd for 1947

Income	
Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 505.96
Subscriptions	1,276.50
Gifts	207.12
Home Mission Support	150.00
District W.M.F.	75.00
District Y.P.L.L.	45.00
Bethany Home	30.00
Cuts paid for	9.00
Extra Printing	30.25

Total \$1,822.87

Expenditures	
Printing	\$1,945.10
Cuts	61.32
Editor's Expense	22.96
Banking Expense	8.16
Business Mgr. Expense	13.40
Extra Printing	30.25

Total \$2,081.19

Deficit for 1947 \$258.32

Balance December 31, 1947 \$247.64

A sincere thanks to all who have in some way or other assisted in the financial side of our paper. It has been hard going this year. Fourteen local Ladies' Aids helped out unsolicited with the total of \$73.27. Fourteen local Luther Leagues helped the paper with \$60.50. Thank you very much. I hope that some more of you will look at your address labels today and see if you shouldn't be renewing your paper. I'm sure that when you see how hard we struggle against the red that you'll sit down and send that renewal right away. Of the 410 that I had to cut off in December not very many have renewed again so it is bad to be cut off. There are four subscriptions to missionaries in the foreign fields that also are due. They find it difficult to send renewals from so far. Is there anyone that would like to renew their paper for them and have that little contact with a foreign missionary this year? They are all from Canada. The long lists are from Saskatoon with 63 sub-

politisk forskrifter til aa skape parad-is paa jord — er aarsaken til elen-digheten.

Men "Guds brød er det som kommer ned fra himmelen og gir verden liv." Men folkemassen da som naa tenkte stadig kun paa den utvortes gave, en varig brødforsyning, likesom kvinnen dengang tenkte paa en stadig vannforsyning.

Jesus svar gaar like til kjernen i det problemet. Ikke en ytre gave, ikke en gave utenfor ham er det tale om, "Jeg er livsens brød . . ." Han selv er det. Og han stiller all hunger og tørst hos den som kommer til ham. Livsbrødet, mat for sjelen hadde de naa sett i ham. Gud hadde appenbart det for dem i sin Sønn, Frelserens person. De saa ham naa, men de tror likevel ikke. Hva med oss? Ser vi ikke Jesus i evangeliet, hører vi ikke Guds ord og leser det i Bibelen? Og tror dog ikke? Er vi ikke medlemmer av en menighet? Er det kanskje for aa opnaa ytre fordeler? Bli respektert, døpt, konfirmert og viet i kirken, og en skikkelig begravelse til sist? Det er aa komme til Jesus av ytre grunner, men ingen ytre grunn kan frelse din sjel fra synd og fortapelse. Den beste av alle gode gjerninger alene kan gjøre det: din tro paa den Here Jesus Kristus som din personlige Frelser.

Der er en annen føde,
Av jorden ei opprodd,
Vi hungret oss til døde
Om vi det ei forstod;
Det er det himmelbrød
Som ovenfra mon regne,
Det Guds ord alle vegne
Som lindrer all vår nød.
(Rev. Landstad 271:5)
—H. Arnholt Strand.

scribers, Camrose with 62, Edmonton with 52.

The board of management set Oc-tober as subscription month, but any parish that would like to use Septem-ber separate from the other church papers may do so. I hope you all don't wait until then to renew because then there won't be any paper printed in the meantime. So renew now. It's much easier to send a dollar than seventy-five cents and the extra cents will do a lot of work between now and October. When you renew men-tion how much you get out of the third page. I'd like to know if it pays yet or have you started buying ABC Books again? I get letters like this, "Grandma died last spring; don't send the Hyrden any more as we can't read it." Yes, it is quite a puzzle, but it states a fact. Our paper has to in-terest the young people or it will die with the grandmothers. Better start writing to me right away. I'll collect your letters and maybe some day give you a report on that. I'm sure some of you appreciate the third page. Ja jeg kan baade lese og skrive norsk, saa bare skriv.

Personal gifts have been received from the following: Mrs. Harold C. Pederson, Pastor Henry Haugen, Pas-tor Erik Haave, Mrs. N. E. Hanson, Mrs. I. P. Sorken, O. F. Strands, Olaf Sorestad, two people in Naicam, Mrs. Laura Brown, Roy Browns, James Browns, Pastor M. A. Dale, J. B. Haave, R. H. Aunes, Mrs. Ellen An-derson (already deceased), Henry Anderson, Ed. Gilbertson, Mrs. Sara Flattum, Einar Haave, Lars Iverson, Arthur Swenson, Melvin Magnuson, Ernest Magnuson, A. Halvorson, Mrs. Martin Rustad, Pastor Harold Melby. Don't forget to renew.

Josef B. Haave, Business Manager,
Admiral, Sask.

THE FOLLY OF THE CROSS

Had it been left for man to plan a way of salvation he would never have included the cross. If man should elect a captain of his salvation he would not choose one made "perfect through sufferings," nor one who should be exalted to Saviorhood by being lifted up after the manner of the serpent in the wilderness. How foreign this thought of the cross was to the natural thinking of man was shown when Peter's whole being rose in protest of the cross, "Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall never be unto Thee," to which Jesus replied in part, "Thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men." To man it looked like the sheerest foolishness and direct calamity. But to God, far beyond and above the limits of natu-ral human horizons, the cross was at the centre of God's wise, loving and eternal counsel to save man.

Through the gathering darkness of that Good Friday evening the sorrow-ing disciples could see the outlines of the three crosses on Calvary's awe-some hilltop. The two crosses they could understand, for that evil-doers should be punished was but justice. But the cross in the centre was so tra-gically perplexing and meaningless. It only spoke to them of blasted hopes and evil triumphant. For there He who, claims and credentials, had shown Himself to be the sinless Son of God, had died at the hands of sin-ners and at the command of the re-ligious leaders of God's own chosen people. And they had hoped "that it was He who should redeem Israel." Now, it seemed that redemption was farther off than ever. But God looked down at that middle cross where He who was reckoned as a transgressor

I Brennpunktet

Nye mennesker — nye tider

Vi lever i en nødstid paa alle om-raaded av livet: politisk, økonomisk, sosalt, moralsk, religiøst. Fra de store lederne i verdenspolitikken til de van-lige hverdagsmennesker lyder det et rop som ingen tør forme i ord: Hvor skal hjelpen komme fra? Det mang-ler ikke svar, men stadig sterkere gaar det op flere ag flere at tidens nød er det enkelte menneskes nød. Mennesket maa bli nytt før vi kan vente nye tider. Vaar verden mangler og trenger tillit, men tillit faar vi ikke før menneskene blir anderledes.

Mange av tidens raadløse, leng-tende mennsker vender i hemmelig-het sine øyne mot kristendommen og de kristne. Men ogsaa de kristne staar spørrrende, særlig den kristne ungdommen. Hvis en skal dømme et-ter stillingen paa Verdenskonferans-en for kristen ungdom som ble holdt i Oslo ifjor sommer, er spørsmålene dominerende blant kristen ungdom. Spørsmålene kan være tegn paa styrke og et aandelig vaakent sinn, men naar de blir dominerende, aap-enbarer de en personlig uvisshet, som svekker vaar styrke og handlekraft. Og **kraftløshet** er netop vaar store nød i dag.

I Jeremias 22:29 faar vi svaret paa tidens spørsmål om hvor hjelpen er aa finne: **Land! land! land! Hør Herrens ord!** Gud vil ha hele folket i tale, fra den største til den minste — fra den verste til den beste. Alle trenger hjelp og hjelpen er lagt inn i denne korte ordre.

Vaar tids største ulykke er ikke det moralske forfall, men mangel paa interesse og respekt for Guds ord. Her ligger den skjulte grunn til alle ulykker i tiden. Her er det Guds folk i lære og liv maa være vitner om Guds ords realitet og aktualitet. Mislykkes dette blir alt annet vi er eller gjør mer eller mindre verdiløst. Vaar tid har gjort alle sannheter relative, fly-tende, Ogsaa vaar Bibel blir fylt av spørsmålstegn. Fornektingen i ord er ikke saa høyrøstet i dag. Men for-nektingen i liv og praksis er sterkere enn noen gang før. Og det er den far-ligste av all fornekting.

Guds ord omspinner hele livet, baade det personlige liv og samfund-slivet. I alle situasjoner og til alle tid-er vil Guds ord gi lys og kraft ikke gjennom paragrafer, bud forskrifter og program, men i Guds ord finner vi Guds vilje aapenbart og ved Guds gode Aand blir ordet gjort aktuelt saa den enkelte faar personlig visshet om vegen han skal gaar.

Spesielt ansvar for utviklingen i vaart samfunn har de som styrer, lærere, prester, forkynnere, for-fattere og journalister. Den leder ell-er lærer som i liv og gjerning gaar i mot Guds ord vil en dag faa se at hele hans livsverk var en forbanelse.

—H. A. S.

Den som takker Gud for alt, faar ikke Tid til at klage.

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Vi faar sannheten om sannheten faar oss.—F. B. Meyer.

had died for the sins of all men and saw there, the redemption price paid in full. In accordance with God's eter-nal purpose, redemption had been ac-complished.

"The Word of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness but to us who are saved it is the power of God." As true today as when Paul wrote it. Nevertheless submit yourself to God's foolishness. Then you will find it wis-er than the wisdom of men and exper-ience the saving power of "Christ and Him crucified."

—A. K. H.

Zion Dedication

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birth. Later the Sunday School will help much. The parents were urged to send their children every Sunday. After the program films of the erection of the church building were shown.

The Youth Rally on Saturday evening was the climax. The church was full and there were many new faces due to the active visitation by the Leaguers. Under the able leadership of Bill Braaten the evening was a success. After devotion and a hymn-sing, testimonies were given by a nurse, a working girl, a university student, and by one who is called by God to become a pastor. This cross-section showed us that Jesus really lives in the hearts of many young people in whatever they do. The Junior L.D.R. gave their covenant. Each one's candle was lit as they gave the covenant parts; yield my life; use material things for God; accept tasks of life; let trouble teach me sympathy; and use every opportunity for service. Pastor A. L. S. Mathre of Moose Jaw entitled his message "Youth Dedicates for Eternity." God has a plan for your life. First, God wants you to be saved. Then dedicate yourself to the Lord for eternity. May you be able to say, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Familiar melodies were played in the background as Pastor Storaasli led the Consecration Service. The question stands out, "Is my life in God's hand?" Come to Jesus and stand up for Him—then surrender to service. Have you faced the call to Christian service? Let there be in your heart the joy of doing what God wants you to do. Special music came from the balcony or 'from above' as a male quartette, a mixed quartette, and a trio sang several songs. The Youth were touched and awakened that night to the need of their souls and the needs of others.

Sunday ushered in a day of Thanksgiving. The morning message was given by Pastor Evenson. Isaiah 42 is the Mission Challenge. The great Business of the Christian Church is Missions, "Go and make disciples of all nations." Have the same mind as Christ and behold Him. His concern was for lost souls. Are you giving your all that Christ might be made known to those who are heading for a Christless eternity?

The Zion Lutheran choir sang joyful songs of praise to God as they gave their concert Sunday afternoon. Pastor Storaasli brought out that our worship should be joyful, spontaneous, grateful, and reverent as we show our thankfulness to God.

Philippians 4:6-7 was a wonderful passage with which to close our Thanksgiving week. It was stressed that Christians are to rejoice in the Lord always. Joy must then express itself in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Finally there is peace in answer to prayer. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.

In closing permit me to quote the third stanza of the Dedication Hymn written by Mr. W. A. Ferguson:

Most gracious Lord, be with us here,
Both now and through each coming year;

May this, Thy tabernacle, be
A house of prayer and praise to Thee.

—M. R.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, a Catholic priest, Father Arruda, preached a sermon honouring State Governor Prestes, a liberal Catholic elected in spite of official Church opposition. Father Arruda denounced intolerance in the Church, and declared that the best method of combating Communism was "to help the poor and to practice Christianity." A schism within the Church was seen when one archbishop supported the liberal minded parties.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

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LENT — A RESTING TIME WITH JESUS

"And He said unto them, 'Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile.' for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure, so much as to eat." Mark 6:31

What does Lent mean to you and to me? Is it a time of special refutation and prayer, when we confess our own unworthiness in order that we might be led to humble ourselves before God, seeking Him to know His will? A time of spiritual rest is a necessity for each one of us. There are so many things in our homes and everyday life that occupy our time and demand our attention, that we are apt to neglect the spiritual welfare of ourselves and those about us, but when we pause for a resting time with Jesus, He calls us to repentance. Forgive us, dear Father, for our wilful living and neglected opportunities. We thank Thee for giving a change of heart, a new disposition.

He directs us to His Word. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. How beautiful the Word is depicted and what a clear picture it is. Daily Bible reading teaches and leads us in the plan God has prepared for us. By knowing His will we are able to live abundantly for His Kingdom. It is important that we do not sacrifice the family altar, as our spiritual growth depends upon Biblical knowledge. We all have problems and burdens that tend to make us pessimistic. We try to solve perplexities in our own way, forgetting, or not knowing, that Jesus says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." In John 5:4 we read, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." May our Lenten meditation upon the suffering Savior help and bless us by increasing our faith in Him.

He calls us to holiness. I Thess. 4:7. Holiness, or consecration to the principles of Christian faith, will ever be a testimony to the quality of our faith in Christ. Only in Christ can our life be worthwhile. Help us, Jesus to so live that we might reflect Thy perfect holiness. Strengthen us for service and help us to be a Mary in our service to Thee. May we be willing to hear Thy bidding and do it. May our service be out of love and gratitude to Thee. We know too well that our efforts in themselves merit no salvation.

During this Lenten season, Father in Heaven, teach us to earnestly say, "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling."

—Mrs. P. Bjornson.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Easter is the time of year when much that is seemingly dead awakens to new life. Perhaps many of us are deep in the sleep of indifference and neglect. As we follow Jesus to Calvary this Lenten season, may we awaken to a new life in Him.

A plant must have good soil in which to grow. So, too, our lives need the good soil found in the Word of God to become firmly rooted and to develop into strong characters that will blossom and bear fruit in God's kingdom on earth.

It would be gratifying, indeed, if our life could bloom like a fragrant rose or a beautiful "glad" and be admired by all men. But these flowers are very sensitive to opposition from nature, and to grow need much care and ideal conditions. The humble dandelion that bravely lifts its head and blooms in the face of continual opposition has a valuable lesson for each one of us. It should be an easy matter to bloom when no obstacles are set in our path, but how many are willing to strive against odds and probable slights? Have you ever heard this remark in your Ladies' Aid? "It is useless to work and sac-

rifice; no one appreciates my efforts, and the more I do, the more they expect of me." Be grateful for their confidence. It is unlikely they would expect anything of you if they knew you were planted in poor ground and showed signs of withering. God has not promised us appreciation or immediate results of our labor. Do we mothers always see direct results as we endeavor to rear our children in the Christian faith? It looks hopeless at times but a Christian mother never gives up because there is love in her heart. After storms of discouragement and despair, she looks up to see the beautiful rainbow. "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Just so, love for Jesus Christ must be the motivating power in all Christian service. May each woman in the W.M.F. have an earnest desire to become firmly rooted in Holy Writ and bloom in the garden of God.

—Editor.

To All Christian Young Women

Hope was born in Bethlehem;

That hope has never died.

It stronger grew when Jesus

Became "The Crucified."

O, let us sing a carol

To Jesus, Savior-king,

And bowing low before Him,

Ourselves as love-gifts bring.

—Robert McNaughtan.

There is a special call from our deaconess hospitals to all Christian young women who are looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord. This is a wonderful opportunity for young girls to find good Christian fellowship and at the same time receive a training that will equip them to serve their Lord and their fellowmen.

The Lutheran deaconess training school offers the following regular courses: Deaconics (with special emphasis upon the history of the Deaconate and the life and work of the deaconess), Bible study church history, doctrine, Christian social service, foreign missions, Sunday school teaching, personal work, story telling and directed visits to institutions of mercy. Other courses are offered when special training is deemed necessary.

Don't delay. Act now. If you are interested, write to Sister Marie Rorem, 2236 Haddon Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Or write the undersigned.

Mrs. Laura Brown, Deaconess secretary, Canada District, W.M.F., Saskatoon, Sask.

Excerpts From Missionary Letter

Thank you for the prayers we need so much.

I am taking the late Miss Caroline Astrup's place as matron of the Girls' Home, besides being in charge of the dispensary and clinic. A trained native nurse helps me. Without her assistance I could not cope with all the work as it often means twenty-four hours duty.

There are twelve teachers and three hundred and fifty children in our school. The children's ages range from ten to nineteen years. They come from all over to attend school while thirty of them board in the home. They get up at sunrise to work in the fields, then come in to eat and get ready for classes. After school they change into work clothes and labour in the fields until sundown. After supper their lessons for the next day must be studied before retiring at nine p.m. You see by their schedule there is little time for mischief, which makes it easier to keep them under control.

My four year old native twins are very interesting and sweet. I have had them since they were tiny babies. Their mother died and the father does not want them because they are twins, an ill omen to the heathen. The additional work, worry and sleepless nights are nothing compared to the

joy they give me as I watch their bodies and minds grow and develop.

If you know of any Ladies' Aid that would care to send clothing, here are a few suggestions: Warm clothing of all kinds as Entumeni does have frost in winter and it is hard to see the poor people suffer. Boys' and men's clothing can be used by our own workers. Cotton dresses, any size, and flour sacks are useful, also old sheets for bandages.

Olga Guttormson, Entumeni, Natal, South Africa.

Authority on Rural Church Problems To Teach

At Christian Workers' Institute

One of the teachers at the Christian Workers' Institute to be held at Christopher Lake August 9-15 is Rev. Elmer Ellefson, a member of our synod's Rural Life commission. His chief assignment at the camp is the presentation of helps for Sunday School teachers, but he has agreed to devote a number of conference periods to the discussion of rural church problems.

Our church in Canada is predominantly rural. As such, it faces a number of grave problems, not least of which is the steady migration from rural areas to urban centres. How are the problems arising out of this movement to be solved? A group of interested pastors and laymen has been making a special study of this problem. As one of their representatives, Rev. Ellefson will have much valuable information to share with all who attend the above named camp.

NOTICE

The Planning Committee set up by the convention of the Canada District in July, 1947, has organized under the chairmanship of Pastor Josef B. Haave of Admiral, Sask., and secretary, Mr. G. Loken of Outlook, Sask. Anyone who has anything to submit to this committee should send it to either the secretary of the chairman before their next meeting. Items already on the agenda of the committee are: Self support in our District; home missions; education; inter-Lutheran relations; and, in general, all the activities of our church in Canada. The other members of the committee are Pastor J. B. Stolee of Birch Hills, Pastor G. J. Ostrem of Ryley, and Pastor T. W. Maakestad of Edmonton.

CORRECTIONS

Will those following the W.M.F. Bible reading folder please follow the following schedule beginning March 21. The reading should synchronize with Holy Week, and the error in the schedule will be corrected for you if you will observe this change.

March 21, Palm Sunday	
Triumphal Entry	John 12.
March 22	John 13.
March 23	John 14, 15.
March 24	John 16, 17.
March 25	John 18.
March 26, Good Friday	
Crucifixion	John 19:1-27.
March 27	John 19:28-42.
March 28, Easter, Resurrection	John 20.
March 29, Appearances	John 21.
March 30 Ascension	Mark 16; Luke 24.

Continued Old Testament References To His Passion

March 31	Zechariah 12.
April 1	Psalms 109.
April 2	Psalms 72.
April 3	Psalms 69.
April 4	Psalms 32.
April 5	Exodus 12.
April 6	Psalms 34.
April 7	Psalms 16.
April 8	Hosea 6.
April 9	Psalms 68.
April 10	Psalms 110.
April 11	Psalms 45.

From here go back to your schedules and begin with the reading scheduled for April 12th, and continue through as written.